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1. The Greek Army in collaboration with the Americans is accomplishing wonders. There is a difference of opinion among the leaders regarding the loss of human life. The Americans recommend that no attention be paid to losses of men on the ground that in this way an end to the conflict will more quickly be reached and unexpected counter-measures will be avoided. Among those who opposed this view was General Kalogeropoulos who, by a decision of the Council of National Defense,

was recalled from the front.

In my opinion those who support an offensive by gradual advances with smaller losses, rather than a frontal attack, have this point in their favor: the guerrillas would not escape into nei hboring territory.

- 3. The Grammos battle is in its final phase, but the Greek problem is not finished. Many of the guerrillas have not been captured. The losses of the army, particularly in officers, is great. This proves the selfsacrifice of the army and particularly of the officers, which (to be fair) has always characterized the Greek Army.
- 4. I herewith transmit to you information obtained from my French colleague which he has received from his (French) colleague in Albania. It appears that the Greek guerrillas have sustained great losses, because in Gjinokaster, Korce, and Elo.san, the Albanians have transformed the schools and warehouses into hospitals for the .se of the guerrillas fleeing from Greece. Recently the Russians in Albania have urgently requested the dispatch of medical supplies from Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania. I do not know how such of this anterial can be brought via Ya oslavia, but I do have information that such medical supplies continue to be sent to Albania.
- The Alamian border mards have received orders to disarm the guerrillas who enter Albanian territory. When they reach the interior of Albania, however, they are rearmed, and after a rest they return to Greece as reinforcements. This is the real meaning of disammament, when Albania proclaimed that she was disaraing the Greek guerrillas.

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- 6. The Russians who are in Albania are attempting by every means to persuade the Albanians not to fear the protests of Greece and the threats of the United Nations, since in the Security Council the Soviet Union can use her right to veto, making it impossible for decisive measures to be taken.
- 7. The general economic situation of Albania is very bad, and the grain supply is poor.
- 8. The production of petroleum has decreased since the Yugoslav specialists left. It is intended that Russian specialists replace them, just as Russians have replaced the Yugoslavs in all the most important Albanian government services.
- 9. Within a few days Grammos will be cleared, but unless measures are taken to protect the worder from new incursions Grammos will be full of guerrillas again by the time the first snow falls, and t will be the same thing all over again. It is noteworthy that we did not expect to see so soon the appearance of significant numbers of organized guerrillas (the number reaches 600) in regions which had been cleared. Such bands have appeared in the rear of Grammos, in Soule in Eqirus, in Parnassos, Agrafa, and Thessaly.
- 10. Recently there was a bold attack on Kalambaka, where the guerrillas entered and took prisoners, foodstuffs, and war materiel. In the region of the Sperchias River bards of less importance have made an appearance.
- 11. The Peloponnesus is more and more coming under the control of the guerrillas. As soon as the Grammos battle is finished, according to my information, large forces of the army will be occupied with clearing the Peloponnesus, from which the escape of the guerrillas will not be so easy. It appears that after Grammos, Markos will use the system of harassing the army from various bases.
- 12. It is necessary to note especially the activity of the airforce in the Grammos battle. Its sorties were 80% successful. The guerrillas who were forcibly recruited desert the bands at the first opportunity.

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